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Re: U.S. Serial No. 10/678,782
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Response to Office Action dated December 22, 2004

Enclosures:

1. Response After Final
2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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APPLICATION OF) EXPEDITED UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
RICHARD R. ROESLER ET AL) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/678,782) GROUP NO.: 1711
FILED: OCTOBER 3, 2003) EXAMINER: DUC TRUONG
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)

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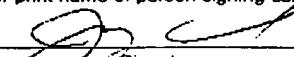
Sir:

Applicants, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing their response so that the Response After Final filed simultaneously with this Petition will be considered timely filed.

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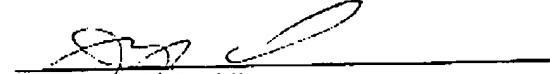
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